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Face The Exams With Confidence

Students unknown, success and confidence

Have a common enemy: negativity

Recharge your mind with positive energy

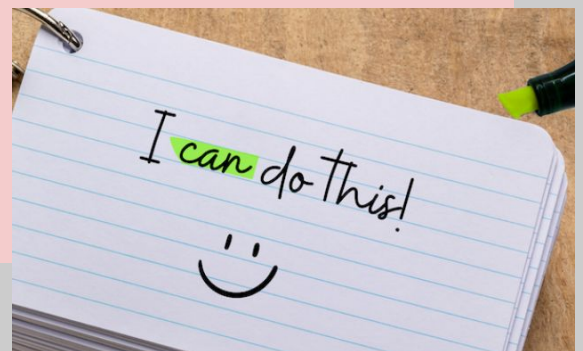
Exams are not wild animals to scare you

Your sincere study and preparations

Are enough to bring all exams your own way

So, relax, study and review, then face the exams.

Prem Nizar Hameed



Everyone in our Hall Cross Academy community wishes our exam students the best of luck in their GCSE and A Level examinations.



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After Easter, we turn our focus to the Summer activity extra-curricular programme in Physical Education. This programme offers a variety of sports for students to engage in, including cricket, athletics, tennis and rounders, available to both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students.

Monday: Y7-10 Cricket (Upper and lower school)

Wednesday: Y7-10 Rounders (Upper and lower school)

Thursday: Y7-10 Athletics (Doncaster Athletics Track) and Tennis (Doncaster Tennis Club).

Girls Cricket

Girls' cricket has made an exciting start this year, with sessions now running on Mondays for both KS3 and KS4 students. Our U13 and U15 teams recently took part in the Doncaster School Games Cricket Competition, where they performed brilliantly. The U15s emerged as champions, while the U13s secured a strong second place. Both teams have now qualified for the South Yorkshire School Games Competition, where they will represent the school and compete against teams from across the county. Well done to all involved, and good luck in the next round!



Athletics

Athletics Club is now up and running at the Doncaster Athletics Track every Thursday and is open to all year groups. This popular club gives students the chance to develop their skills in throws, jumps, and track events in a professional setting. Year 7 and Year 8 students have also been visiting the track during PE lessons, gaining hands-on experience in events such as the long jump, triple jump, and relay. With Sports Day approaching on 19th June and the Doncaster Schools Athletics Competitions taking place next half term, there's plenty of athletics to look forward to!





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House events

Over 50 students attended the Year 7 rounders house event, where competitive mixed boys and girls teams competed to earn Heart points and push their house into the lead for a chance to win the house trophy! The competition is heating up, and it's anyone's game—will Henderson, Brown, Middleton, or Garner come out on top? There will be one more house event during the final half-term, so be on the lookout for more information in the coming week. Additionally, there will be House points up for grabs during Sports Day in June.



Leadership

The Leadership Academy students played a vital role in helping out during the Year 7 house event this term. Members of the Leadership Academy also took on a promotional social media role, creating Instagram videos to help promote the Year 7 house event, showcasing their leadership and creativity in action. Additionally, five students took part in a leadership camp residential at Kingswood, further honing their leadership skills.



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Y7 Tag rugby

On 30th April, the Year 7 and 8 girls took part in the T1 Rugby competition at Doncaster Knights, delivering an outstanding performance throughout the day. Despite a narrow 1-0 loss in their opening match, the team quickly found their rhythm, demonstrating incredible determination, teamwork, and resilience. They bounced back brilliantly to win all their remaining group games, earning a well-deserved spot in the final against XP.

The final was a thrilling and hard-fought encounter, with both sides showcasing impressive skill and commitment. Hall Cross emerged victorious with a 2-1 win, capping off a fantastic day of rugby.

A huge congratulations to everyone involved, and a special shoutout to standout players Sofia and Martha for their exceptional contributions throughout the tournament.



Leeds Beckett University trip

Students in Y12 had a fantastic day at Leeds Beckett University. The day focused on the branding, marketing and launch of Leeds Athletica ladies football team, a fictitious women's football team looking to compete in the Champions League by 2030. Students got produce the kits, look at sponsorship and marketing and then challenged Bryn Law on his plans for the team and the possibilities of success.



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Boys football

This year's football season has now concluded, and all year groups have performed exceptionally well. While we're still awaiting confirmation of the final league positions, we remain hopeful for some league victories! A special shout-out to our Year 8 team, who are gearing up for their Doncaster Cup final next week—good luck to them!



Boys Cricket

Y10 competed against Shelley College in the first round of the Yorkshire Cup, playing an 18-over game. The boys competed admirably, with excellent attitude throughout. Olivier scored half of the team's total runs. The team now looks forward to upcoming fixtures, with Hayfield School next on the schedule.

Y9 competed against Hill House in the second round of the Yorkshire Cup. The boys started strong, with excellent bowling from all, but especially Michael and Stanley. They fought hard in a long, gruelling match, but Hill House ultimately took the win. We look forward to future fixtures against Hungerhill, UTC, and Armthorpe.

Hockey - Bath Tour

To finish the season, the boys U18 travelled to Bath to compete in the KES Hockey Festival. Playing four games of hockey, embracing the culture and enjoying time together after the hard work in the season.

Throughout this long weekend, they performed well, encountering strong opposition in each game. They finished the festival with a win, a draw and two closely fought losses showing great spirit.





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Basketball

JRNBA: After a dominant performance, the U13 basketball team has successfully made it through to the quarter-finals. Their next match is scheduled after the half-term break, with hopes high as they aim for a spot in the finals day in York at the end of June. This comes after a comfortable victory over Darton Academy, further solidifying their credentials.

U18: The U18 team has shown impressive consistency throughout the season, finishing as league winners in the AOC league. With 10 matches played, they secured 8 wins and only 2 losses, demonstrating their strength and determination on the court.

Tennis

The Tennis Club is running every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 PM at Doncaster Tennis Club and is open to all year groups. We've had a fantastic turnout each week, with students improving their skills and enjoying the sunshine. The team is now eagerly preparing for their first fixture against Hayfield next week—best of luck to everyone involved!

Feeling inspired? If you'd like to give tennis a try, come join us after school on Thursdays!





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Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Expedition Update

Bronze Qualifying Expedition – 26th–27th April

All **7 groups** completed 2 days of walking and 1 night of camping in the Peak District. Fantastic teamwork, determination, and navigation throughout – well done to everyone!



Gold Practice Expedition – 16th–18th May

Students tackled 2 tough days of walking and 2 nights camping in hot conditions. Despite the heat, all showed great resilience and are now well prepared for their qualifying expedition in July.



A big thank you to the staff who supported both expeditions!



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English

Reading Plus Awards

For your hardwork and fantastic effort this academic year



Y7	Y8	Y9
Reggie	Olha	Jessica
Josh	Wafi	Eden
Imogen	Anzila	Seher
Rital	Kristers	Daisy
Aaron	Tamara	Aizah
Luca	Muhammad	Irina
Arthur	Cassidy	Sophie
Oscar	Wesley	Nil
Ayub	Zach	Lucas
Harmony	Maisie	Billy
Chloe	Akash	Daniel
Bianca	Kaine	Ahmed
Rosie		Lewis
Isla		Alex
Mercy		Evie
Maya		
Bella		
Ezekiel		
Theo		
Aylin		
Lottie		
Chloe		
Lila		
Arthur		
Arthur		
Aoife		
Alexander		
Liliana		



Leaderboard	
Top Classes - Total Avg. Reading Lessons (SR)	
1.	Hall Cross - 7s/En1 (24/25)
2.	Hall Cross - 9s/En4 (24/25)
3.	Hall Cross - 8f/En3 (24/25)
4.	Hall Cross - 7f/En1 (24/25)
5.	Hall Cross - 7f/En3 (24/25)



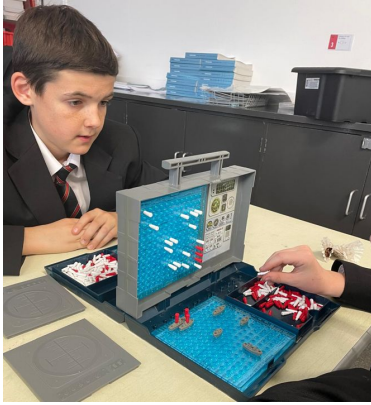
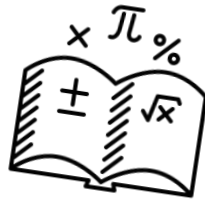


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Don't forget about
KS3 Maths Activities Club

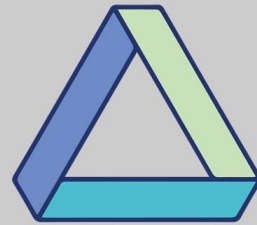
Y7 on Monday
Y8 on Tuesday



UKMT Results are in...

Pink Kangaroo Results

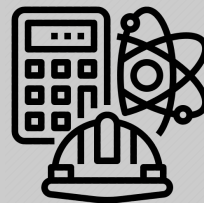
Samuel – Bronze & Best in School
Tawhid – Bronze
Joseph



UK Maths Trust

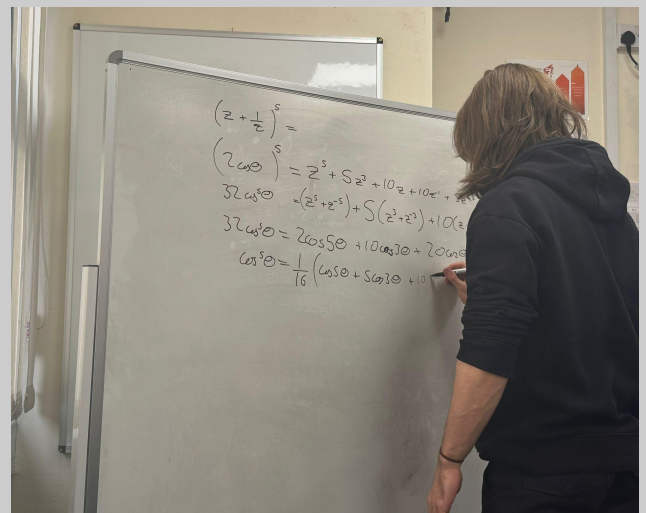
Grey Kangaroo Results

Esme – Best in School



This half term's top scorers on
Dr Frost Maths are:

1. Eden – Y7
2. Alexander – Y7
3. Wesley – Y8
4. Oliver – Y8
5. Maksym – Y8





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ADT



In my bag 6

ZW



In my bag 12

ZK



In my bag 15

AW

We're thrilled to share that our talented Year 9 artists took part in the national *Art Bytes* competition, showcasing their creativity and skill. Out of all the incredible entries, three outstanding pieces—by **Zuzanna, Zachary, and Abigail**—were selected by the competition judges and shortlisted for further recognition. These top three then went to a wider vote involving staff, students and the wider community, with **Zachary's** impressive work emerging as the winner! His entry will now be featured in a virtual gallery exhibition and will go on to be considered for regional and national awards by a prestigious panel of judges. A huge congratulations to Zachary—be sure to congratulate him if you see him!



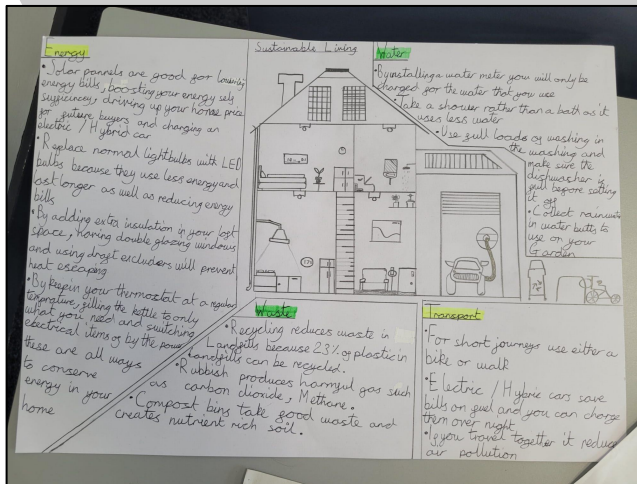
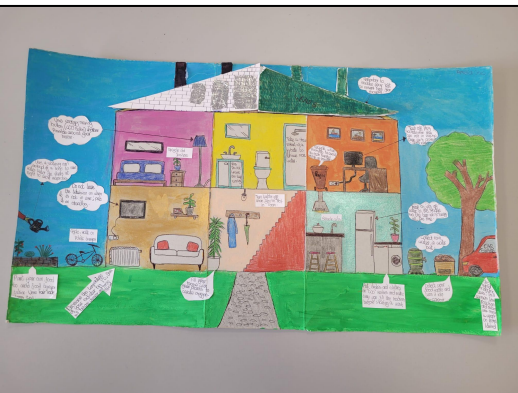
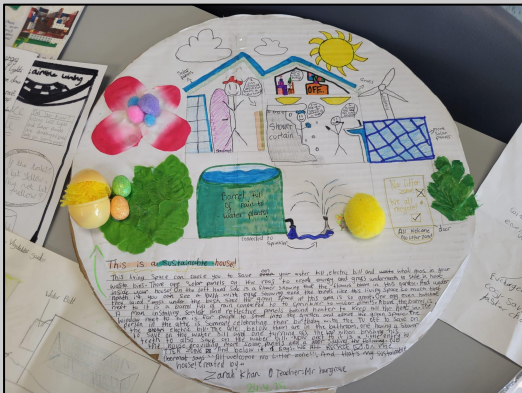
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This half term Mr Hargrave's amazing Y7 students have been creating and designing their own sustainable houses. There have been some amazing entries, with most students creating models from recycled materials! Well done Y7!





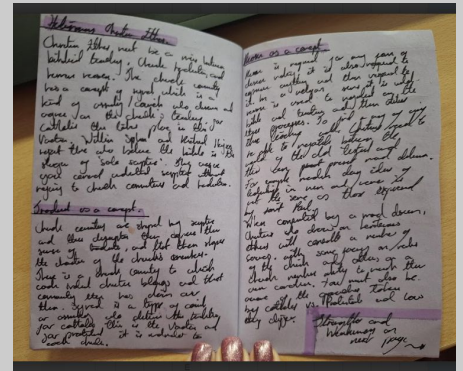
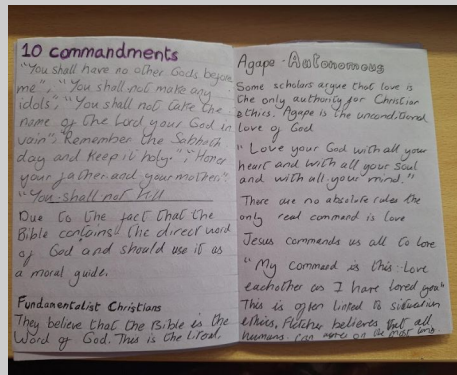
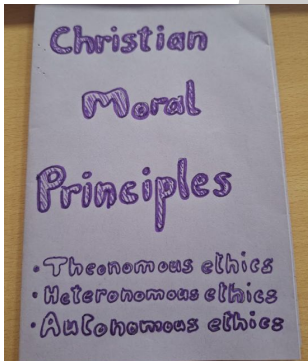
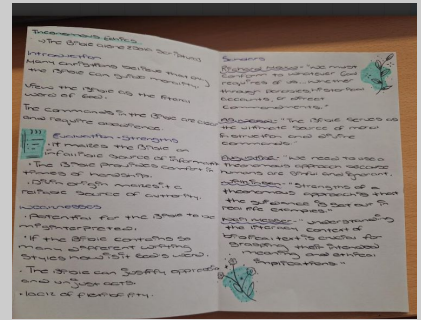
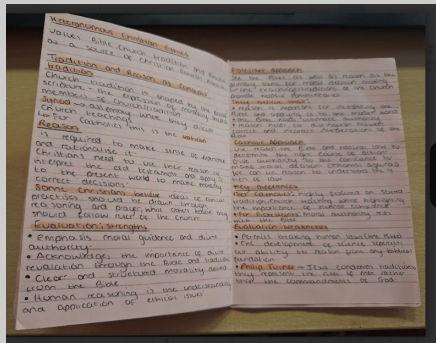
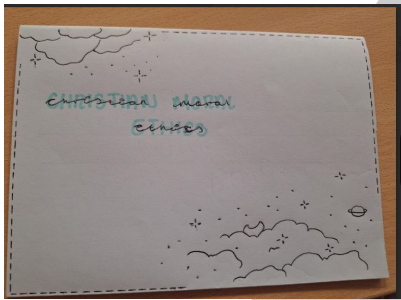
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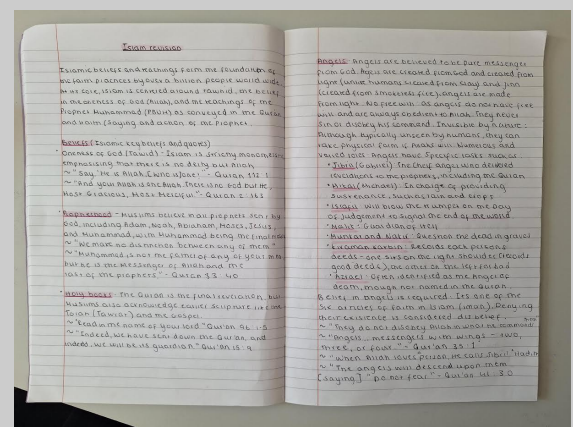
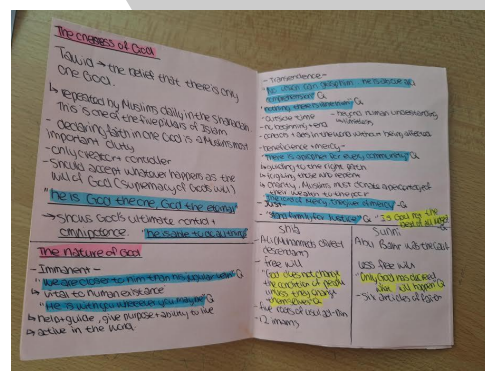
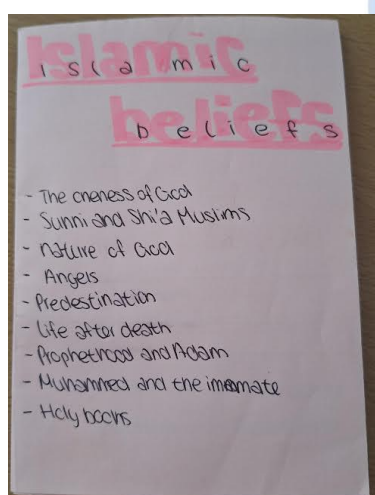
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Philosophy and Ethics

This half term Y12 have been working on Christian Ethical theories, delivering lessons to their peers and creating summary booklets for their exam revision.



This half term Y10 have been learning about Islamic Beliefs and have created summary pages on this topic.



A big shout out to Y11 and Y13 who are in the process of exams over these next two half-terms. You have worked so hard; keep up the brilliant work!



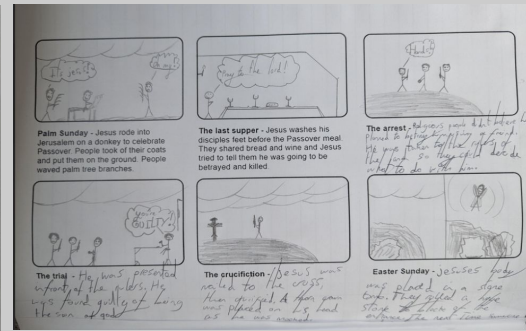
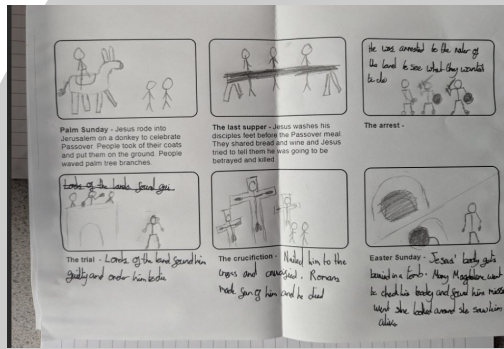
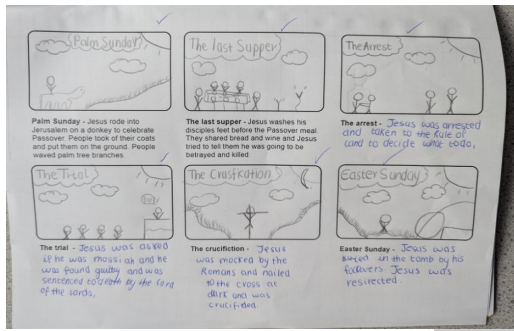
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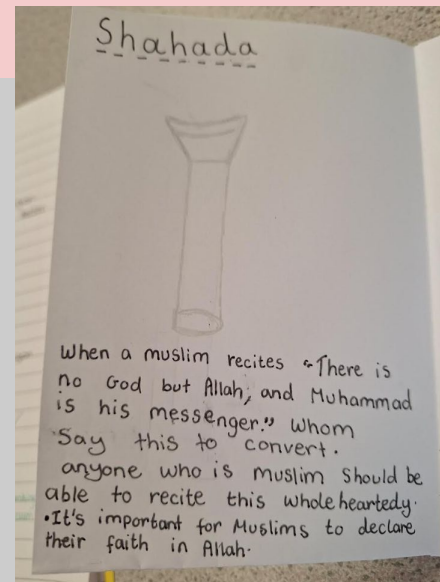
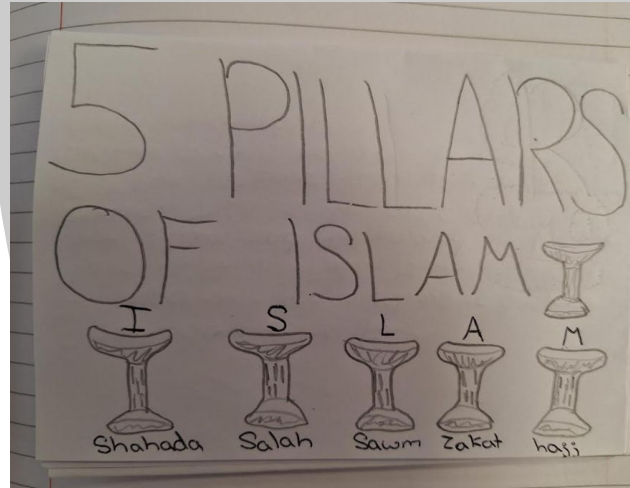
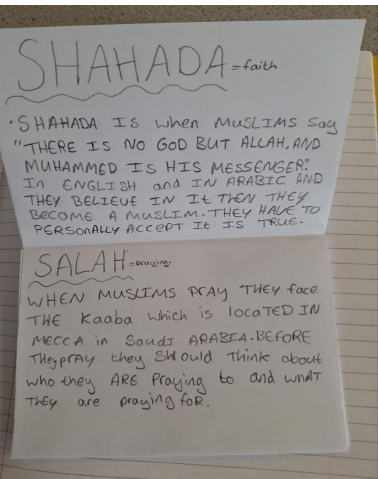
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KS3 Life

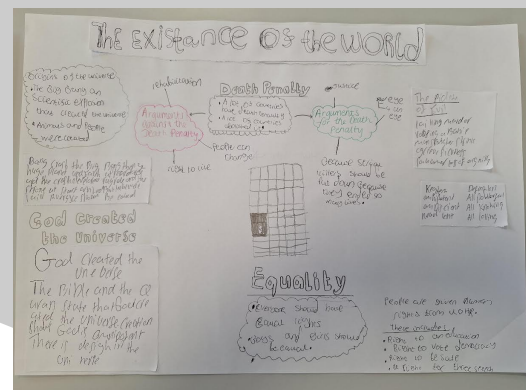
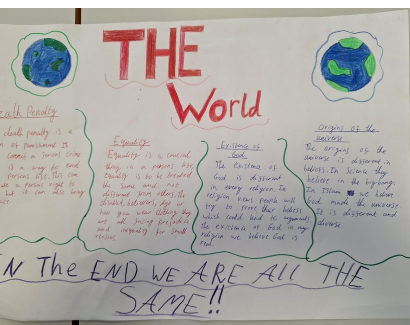
This half term Y7 have been exploring Christian Beliefs



This half term Y8 have been exploring Islamic beliefs.



This half term Y9 and Y10 have been exploring moral dilemmas.





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Social Sciences

As the summer exam season approaches, let's take a moment to celebrate the incredible hard work and determination shown by our students across the Social Sciences department.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 Sociology students, along with our Year 13 Psychology students, have been working tirelessly – attending weekly intervention sessions and even sacrificing their Saturdays for extra revision. Their focus and commitment have been truly impressive, and it's been amazing to see their confidence soar as a result.

Meanwhile, our Year 11 and Year 13 Health & Social Care students have been equally dedicated, producing coursework that showcases their skills and the time they've invested. The standard of work has been outstanding, and we're incredibly proud of what they've accomplished so far.

We also want to give a shoutout to our hardworking Year 12 students, who are now gearing up for mock exams next half term. This is a pivotal moment in their academic journey, and we wish them all the best as they prepare. Keep up the great work – your efforts now will set a strong foundation for next year.

As a department, we couldn't be prouder of the determination, resilience, and ambition shown by all our students. We wish everyone the very best of luck in their upcoming assessments.





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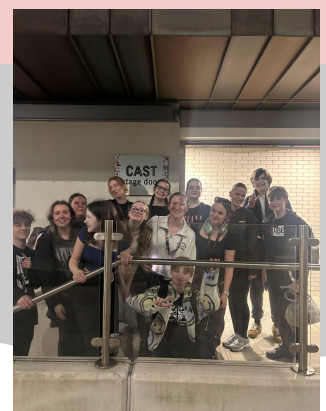
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ICA Perform take part in National Theatre connections at CAST.

The National Theatre Connections is a nationwide youth theatre festival which enables performers, typically aged 13-19, to collaborate with mentor directors whilst maintaining independence for the creative scope in their piece. The Delante Detrás company from ICA-Perform recently performed at Cast with their contribution to the festival 'Fresh Air' taking a thrilling and captivating interpretation of a tale driven by friendship and self improvement. Directed by current Year 13 student Lois and Mr. Dougherty, the play was a collective effort to maintain its smooth performance despite some difficulties of coinciding rehearsals with the school production of 'Les Miserables' and the technician Mr. Lyttle being unable to make the performance. The process of creating such an incredible performance was made easy and engaging through a variety of practical exercises and exploration of our characters both in rehearsals and of our own accord. Connections easily showcased a specific group's abilities because the script allows for freedom and encourages all performers to find and achieve their personal aims for the show.



At Cast, we were given an allocated time for a quick technical rehearsal where Year 12 student Wiktoria and Mr. Dougherty stepped in to help the show run smoothly and we were greeted with a strong sense of community and well wishes. The team at Cast expressed their faith in our production and gave us some last minute feedback to make the show perfect before Sally led an incredible workshop to help us gain a better understanding of our interpretation of the characters and the production as a whole. I loved that we had the opportunity to watch a different theatre company (NPA Theatreworks) perform 'No Regrets' before we opened. Overall, National Theatre Connections is a fantastic event to encourage young performers to engage in all elements of theatre. ICA-Perform is thrilled to take part every year and hopefully we will see you in Delante Detrás this September!



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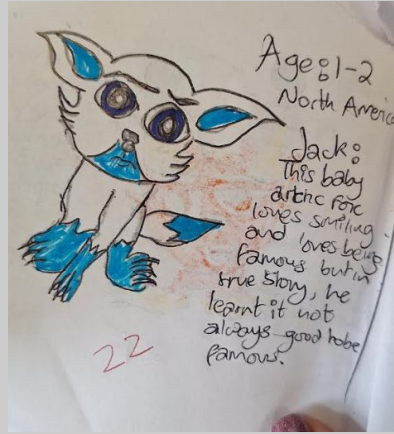
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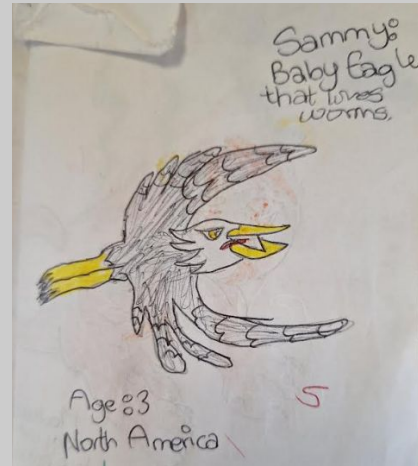
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Celebrating our student successes

Brooke plays football for Brodsworth U15's. She went to Holland with her grass roots football team they came 2nd (got to the final lost on penalties) more info on the link below. Plus they have just won the West Riding cup final against Wetherby



Wesley has been working hard creating some wonderful animal drawings for his animal encyclopedia.



Result...

Under 15 Girl's Team

WRGFL Cup Final | 10/05/2025

	BRODDY	1
	WETHERBY	0

Charley has secured a place at Keele University for Medicine to become a doctor.



Curtis volunteers for the Eve Merton Dreams Trust when needed. Curtis loves to help and support this fantastic charity.





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Celebrating our student successes



Kyle and his rugby team completed an 8 mile walk from Castleton to Mam Tor and back to raise money for the upcoming Leeds Rhinos rugby tournament at Butlins. 22 degree heat, blisters, difficult climbs and carrying heavy bags, didn't stop him. He was the first back and completed the challenge in 4.5 hours!



Layla has recently performed in The M.A. Performing Arts Dance show at CAST Theatre.

Alfie is part of the Doncaster Youth Jazz Association's Swing Orchestra and loves to showcase his talents at performances.

Rosie does drama at Let's Act, and in the Easter holidays she performed in both her own class's performance of Grease and a different class's performance of the same show but playing different roles with only a few weeks of rehearsal time. She's also working towards her Grade 2 Musical Theatre LAMDA exam in July.





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Celebrating our student successes

Freya is an Allstar cheerleader at East Midlands Cheerleading Academy in Nottingham. Alongside her team, she competed in the most prestigious cheerleading calendar at the World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida. They finished 4th in the world!



Alex recently performed at the Kingston League trampolining competition in Hull. He was performing in the over 15 category at advanced level. The aim is to pass the level by scoring over 60 points - he did this on his first attempt and he also came away with a gold medal.

Mercy has passed her Grade 5 violin exam, an incredible achievement. She has shown great dedication to her practice over the past few months, showcasing her passion for music!



A shout out to **Hugo** and his friends for winning their Grassroots football league. They were told that they could have been disbanded due to not having enough members, but have built their team up from scratch. They have learnt to play as a team and have gone on to win the league.





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Celebrating our student successes

Amelia and **Zoe** both played in an evening concert with the University of Huddersfield Symphonic Wind Orchestra in St Paul's Hall. They played a varied programme including a Lord of the Rings piece in five movements that lasted 45 minutes!



Lucas has been identified as having potential in the field of hockey officiating. As an aspiring young umpire, he has been appointed to umpire a hockey event, where a mentor and coach will be on hand to provide essential support and feedback!

Henry has recently trialled and been successful in gaining a place on the Yorkshire Egg Chaser Sevens Rugby Academy. He has also just completed his third annual rugby tournament with Doncaster Knights U12s.



Freddy has earned national recognition by securing a coveted place on the UK Cadet Rifle Team, playing him amongst the top 0.04% across the country. As part of this elite team, Freddy will represent the UK at the prestigious Imperial meeting. An exceptional achievement!